

UNITED CHARITIES ASKED TO EXPLAIN WHAT THEY DO WITH MONEY.

Judge Stelk wants to know what the United Charities is doing with the hundreds of thousands of dollars of the people's money they are copping off every year on the plea they are helping the poor.

Stelk's curiosity and anger were brought to a climax by the way the U. C. did not take care of Mrs. Martha Rybarczwk, 1345 Bowen av., the mother of two children, one 5 years old, the other 4 months, after the husband and father had been sent to the Detention hospital.

On March 23 Michael Rybarczwk, the husband, was sent to the hospital for mental observation. The wife and three children were left dependent and suffering from a dangerous illness. Judge Stelk recommended that the United Charities be appealed to. That day a report was sent the U. C. Nothing was done.

March 27 another appeal was made. This was also ignored. An appeal was also sent Louise McGuire, the district sup't. She likewise refused to be interested.

Thursday Judge Stelk ordered Isabel Carruthers, court attache, to get busy and find out why nothing had been done to aid the family. The latter said the U. C. was not interested in Mrs. Rybarczwk because she had admitted that at one time she had done something wrong.

Stelk then ordered the U. C. officials to appear in his court and explain just what good they were doing with the people's money. "I am going to find whether they can be compelled to spend this money in the manner the people who contribute believe they are doing," said the judge.

Geo. Zenner, employe of Wells Printing Co., 2501 Dearborn, was sent to cash check for \$39. Met man who lured him under "L" structure at 25th st. and took money from him.

STATE REP. O'BRIEN, OTHERS, HIT BY GRAND JURY IN VOTE FRAUD QUIZ

The March grand jury made a sweeping drive on those responsible for vote frauds when they handed down a batch of indictments. Most prominent among those hit was State Rep. Lawrence O'Brien of the lower North Side district. He was indicted on a charge of paying Jas. Monroe, judge in the 34th pct., 21st ward, \$5 for stuffing the ballot box at the February primary. Bonds were fixed at \$5,000.

Others hit were: Thomas Kenny, Dem. judge, 18th pct., 18th ward, \$5,000 bonds.

John Halpin, alias "Irish," and Ed Mullen, alias "Boston," charged with acting as repeaters in the 18th ward. Bonds, \$5,000 each.

Al Brodie, Dem judge, and Oscar Nenner, Dem. clerk, 13th pct., 20th ward.

Abraham Dovonsky, Michael Klein, Henry Siegel, Albert Blum and James London. All indicted in connection with vote frauds in the 30th ward.

Judge Fitch told the members of the March grand jury that they could not continue their probe next week. When March ends they must go. He pointed to the October grand jury, which was held together three months as a bad example.

DEMOCRATS RENOMINATE OLD OFFICERS OF HOUSE

Washington, March 31.—Democrats of the house caucused Friday with 33 members absent and renominated by acclamation all of the old officers of the house.

Representative Gallivan of Massachusetts, leading Democrat "hold-out," was one of the absentees.

Representative Shackelford, Missouri, nominated Champ Clark for speaker. The whole caucus, according to members, was a love feast, with no sign of dissension.